

THE IOWA POLL

Study #2083
800 Iowa adults
Margin of error: ± 3.5 percentage points

SELZER & COMPANY
September 22-25, 2013
Weighted by age, sex, and congressional district

Poll Questions

In general, do you think things in the nation are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
22	68	10

What about here in Iowa? Do you think things in the state are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
52	36	12

Do you think things in state government are headed in the right direction, or have they gotten off on the wrong track?

Right direction	Wrong track	Not sure
41	45	14

I'm going to mention some elected officials. For each, please tell me if you approve or disapprove of the way each is handling his job. **(Rotate list.)**

	Approve	Disapprove	Not Sure
Terry Branstad as governor	54	36	10

Do you think Governor Branstad has been in office long enough or do you think he should seek another term?

55	Has been in office long enough
35	Should seek another term
10	Not sure

(Alternate next two questions.)

Regardless of your interest in attending a party caucus, what kind of Republican candidate do you think stands the best chance of winning the presidency in the November 2016 election? **(Rotate list.)**

33	A candidate focused on civil liberties and a small government rooted in the U.S. Constitution.
36	A business-oriented fiscally conservative candidate
17	A candidate who emphasizes Christian conservative values
14	Not sure

Regardless of your interest in attending a party caucus, what kind of Democratic candidate do you think stands the best chance of winning the presidency in the November 2016 election? (**Rotate list.**)

- 29 A candidate with decades of public service in the U.S. Senate and executive branch
- 57 A fresh face who will represent a new generation with new ideas
- 14 Not sure

About the poll

The Iowa Poll, conducted Sep. 22-25 for The Des Moines Register by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on interviews with 800 Iowans ages 18 or older. Interviewers contacted households with randomly selected landline and cell phone numbers. Responses were adjusted by age, sex, and congressional district to reflect the general population based on recent Census data.

Questions based on the sample of 800 Iowa adults have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the percentages shown here by more than plus or minus 3.5 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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